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High Promise for Good Racing
at Saratoga Springs.

THE DAVIS CUP VICTORY

Contention That Overhead Service Means Death of Lawn Tennis an Idle Fear.

By Herbert.

If the racing at Saratoga Springs on Saturday was a fair sample of what can be expected for the rest of the meeting, which runs through August, a goodly treat is in store for lovers of the sport. Horses are quartered at the track from all parts of the country and Canada and the rivalry between those of the East and West is sure to add an extra dash of spice. It was my pleasure to be at the track on Saturday, and everything pointed to a high quality of racing, which will equal that of the palmier days. It was hard to believe that the invigorating sport was suffering from a blight a year ago, when the stands were deserted and the track overgrown with weeds. It did not take long to come back into its own, or closely approaching its own, even without public bookmaking, and the outlook seems brighter than at any time since the passage of the Agnew-Hart law, in 1909.

A number of stakes which in the old days were bywords among close followers of the turf will be decided this week, but chief interest centres in the running of the Saratoga Special on Saturday, for which most of the best two-year-olds of the season are eligible. Old Rosebud, the star of the West, and R. F. Carmen's Surprise, which is rated highly here, will be among the missing, as, unfortunately, they were not named, but this will not rob the struggle of any of its exciting features.

The Saratoga Special was framed a number of years ago as a truly sporting event. It calls for a subscription of \$25 each, half forfeit, with \$100 and plate to the value of \$50 added. Subscribers are allowed to name three horses at the time of entry, with only one to start for each subscription. The distance of the race is six furlongs, with colts carrying 122 pounds, and fillies three pounds less. The late William C. Whitney's goldsmith, a son of Meddler, captured the first running, in 1901, while such other good horses as Irish Lad, Aristocracy, Sysonby, Mohawk II, Salvadore, Colin, Sir Martin, Waldo and Novelti have raced to victory. From this it will be seen that it has never been won by a bad horse—in fact, practically all the winners ranked at or near the top for the season. The unbeaten Colin holds the record for the race since it was changed to six furlongs, in 1906, at 112, and the mark is not likely to be lowered this year.

With ten starters on Saturday, the race will be worth \$600, in addition to the trophy, of which none is more coveted on the American turf. Among those likely to face the starter after a careful preparation are August Belmont's Flit-away, B. R. Bradley's Black Tony, which has been racing well in the West; J. N. Camden's Imperator, Alex Smith's Cochran's Early Rose, which many consider the best two-year-old filly in the East; E. P. Conroy's Punch Bowl, J. L. Holland's Gainer, Harry Payne Whitney's Pennant, the Onck Stables' Pan-American and R. F. Carmen's Golden Chimes. Thirty subscriptions were made for a total of eighty-five horses, the biggest since the fixture was originated, in 1901.

The historic Travers Stakes, which was first won by Kentucky away back in 1864, also is on the card for Saturday. The distance is one mile and a quarter, and the chances point to a meeting of August Belmont's Rock View and A. L. Aste's Ten Point, two of the leading three-year-olds of the season. Rock View looks like the winner.

Matty, Marquard and Demaree have won twenty-nine of their last thirty games, which is reason enough why the Giants are sailing along in front on the way to a third National League pennant. Marquard has won nine in a row, Demaree seven straight and Matty thirteen out of fourteen. The Cubs almost out Marquard's string on Thursday, just as they did a year ago, when the total had reached nineteen straight, but he escaped by being called to the bench in time. Strange what an effect Chicago air has on the Giants.

Joe Boehling struck a snag last week when it began to look as if he might equal or surpass the record for consecutive victories. Having piled up eleven straight without a defeat, the season's mark in either league, he found the lowly St. Louis Browns the obstacle in his path. It is likely to be many a day before Tim Keefe and "Rube" Marquard will have their nineteen in a row wiped off the books.

A full week has passed since Maurice E. McLoughlin, R. Norris Williams and Harold H. Hackett captured the Davis Cup, which stands for all that is brightest and best in lawn tennis. This is the first opportunity, however, that I have had to offer congratulations so well deserved. McLoughlin won the hearts of close followers of the sport abroad, and well deserved the encomiums which were heaped on his head, but it must not be forgotten that Williams and Hackett did their part, even though the last named was handled without gloves by the English critics. McLoughlin would doubt have the brunt of the fight, but there was honor enough for all. In some respects it was the most satisfactory international victory won in many a day. This country now holds in its possession that great trio of trophies—the America's Cup, the Polo Cup and the Davis Cup. There is reason to be proud of our athletes, not forgetting that the Olympic crown is another treasured trophy.

It is hard to believe with an English writer that the overhead service developed to such a high point by McLoughlin will prove the death of lawn tennis, if some rule is not adopted to restrict it. It is a wonderfully effective weapon in the hands of a man like the American champion, but it is not so much a question of specialization as it is of natural skill, combined with a rare physique and unusual stamina. Of the thousands of players there are mighty few who can make the most of a blazing first ball, and it is not reasonable to believe that the overhead smash service is doomed simply because McLoughlin and a few others are

able to make it such an effective and potent weapon in their attack.

Prominent men in the field of aquatic have come to the conclusion that the regulation height of thirty feet for outdoor fancy diving is not safe, and they are in favor of cutting the standard platform to twenty feet. Those in favor of the change point out that under present conditions the danger of serious injury to the contestant is ever present, for a slip or poor execution may cause even the most skilled to land badly, at grave risk to life and limb. They cite the cases of Frank Mullen, who was badly hurt in the championships of 1911; J. P. Dunn, who narrowly escaped spinal trouble after a fall last summer, and Arthur McAlleman, who lost his balance at the Olympic games in Sweden and hit the water flat on his chest so hard that he emerged from the water bleeding at the mouth and was forbidden by the officials to take another dive.

It is contended also by the supporters of the movement that this possibility of injury prevents many good divers from taking part and that the lowering of the platform would increase the number of candidates for honors, and so foster the best interests of the sport. All of which seems perfectly reasonable. There is an opposing faction, however, headed by men who maintain that since the thirty foot height is enforced at all Olympic games and this country expects to be represented it is advisable to train our divers for the work in sight. This faction appears to believe that so long as there are plucky contestants willing to take a chance there is no necessity for reform.

The settling of the question is naturally in the hands of the Amateur Athletic Union, and there is no telling what decision will be reached, but there is evidence that the delegates are taking a dangerous exhibition. For a rule was adopted not long ago forbidding amateur diving events from heights greater than thirty feet. The divers themselves would welcome a less lofty take-off. Several of the topnotchers have spoken their mind freely on the subject. It is bad enough, they say, to enter a competition and take the risk, but it is a good deal worse to practise for it and attempt difficult feats before one has rounded into condition. Then accurate timing is impossible, and many hard knocks are experienced ere a correct entry can be mastered.

Prince Palatine must be a wonderful horse indeed to command \$250,000, at which price he changed hands in England last week. The only anxiety which the sale raised here lies in the dread that his new owner will now dodge a meeting with August Belmont's Tracery in the Jockey Club Stakes, rather than take a chance of lessening his value in the stud. I have talked with two good judges, who have seen both horses race, and they insist that Tracery is the best horse in England.

It is hoped that the lameness developed by Harry Payne Whitney's Whisk Broom II at Saratoga Springs, while working over the track there last week will not prove serious. The winner of the three big spring handicaps has proved his greatness, but his loss, for that reason, will be felt the more.

JUDGES FOR HORSE SHOW

Many Classes To Be Well Filled at the State Fair.

The list of judges who will officiate at the big horse show at the Greater New York Fair was announced yesterday. The indications are that this open air show, which is to be given in the afternoon and evening, from August 4 to 9 and August 12 to 15, will set a record for the number of classes and number of entries.

The following is the assignment of the judges as announced by Mr. Alfred L. Cerna, the executive officer of the show: Light harness—Charles C. Burr, Commack, Long Island; Horace White, Syracuse; O. P. Updegraff, Topeka, Kan. Heavy harness—Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Newport, R. I.; Francis M. Ware, Brookline, Mass.; J. Wesley Allison, Morrisburg, Canada.

Hackneys—J. Wesley Allison, Morrisburg, Canada. Saddle horses—Louis E. Waring, Plainfield, N. J.; Mr. Francis M. Ware, Brookline, Mass. Undecked saddle horses and police mounts—William P. Eno, Sagittary, Conn.; Major C. A. Benton, New York City; George C. Clauson, Fort Chester, N. Y.

Military classes—Colonel Charles I. DeBoisville, Brooklyn; Major C. A. Benton, New York City.

Ponies in harness and under saddle—Baron Jacques De Meynonnet De Saint Marc, Paris, France; Edward McLean, Washington; R. Penn Smith, Strafford, Penn.

Hunters and jumpers—James W. Graves, Richmond, Va.; J. E. Davis, Roslyn, Long Island; R. Penn Smith, Strafford, Penn.

SARATOGA ENTRIES TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—Selling, for two-year-old fillies. Five and a half furlongs. Name. Wt. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

SECOND RACE—Selling, for maiden three-year-olds and upward. About two miles.

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